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The Fullness of Christ.

For Christ and his abasement
And varied pains, I see
Enough for me while living,
At death, enough for me;
For thorugh his cross I triumph,
I glory in his shame,
And find surpassing riches,
In his beloved name.

Those held in sin's dark bondage
He came to set at large,
And with his blood he purchased
Their just and free discharge;
There is no condemnation
To all the blood-freed throng;
The blood's redeeming virtue
Will be their endless song.

He pardoned sins though counting
Like drops of morning dew;
His love no mind can measure,
Its life is ever new.
He craves for room to pity
And mercy to impart—
For boundless stores of mercy
Are treasured in his heart.

In praises after praises
Eternity to spend,
If I, a fainting pilgrim,
Shall see my journev's end;
All storms gone by forever,
My sins all washed away,
Of spotless white my garments,
My light the perfect day.

—SEL.

Miami Valley Items.

Bro. J. H. Miller, of California, in "Hard Times, No 2," in EVANGELIST No. 40, handles the Intemperance question and some of the too prevalent weaknesses of professing Christians without gloves. If any of the brethren failed to read it, it will pay them to hunt it up.

"The Church and the Individual," on third page of same number, ought to be well studied by every Christian in the world. The few concluding sentences contain volumes of fact. I do not think it will hurt anything to repeat them by way of emphasis:—

"We are led to these remarks by reason of the fact that,in looking over our churches, we are pained to find that, while many "churches" represent a great amount of service, there is scarcely one within the circle of our acquaintance but that is cumbered with a large proportion of individuals who seem never to realize that they have any responsibility. They are content to attend the Sabbath services as often as it is convenient, and to give a pittance of money in a general collection; a sum they would be ashamed to give if they were called upon individually. As for service, it is so well understood that they take no part in that, that they are never expected to do anything in that line. They have lost their individuality in the organization. They are content to belong to a strong church, without adding to it any individual strength. They are a name and a number only.

No. 40 reports eighty accessions to the church."

On last Saturday week we closed a two weeks meeting at the Shiloh church, north of Dayton. Considering the many obstacles, we can say there was a fair interest manifested. The greatest obstacle we had to contend with was a chronic coldness which almost amounted to indifference, that existed among so many of the members of the church in which the meetings were held; and above all the ill-feeling and bad blood that existed between some of these members. Where these things exist they have their influence on the unconverted, who expect better things of those professing to be followers of Christ. Many of those outside the church claim that they are just as good as some of the members. And so they are, if they are not even a little better.

One Wednesday last we returned, and met at the home of Bro. Dorsey for organization. It was decided that they should be known as the Shiloh branch of the Dayton congregation. Eleven members were enrolled, and there is a fair prospect of several others uniting. Brethren V. E. Wampler and Simon Oaks with their families, who hitherto held their membership with the Bear Creek church, as they lived in this vicintiy, entered into the organization here. Arrangements were made for future meetings, and many of the Christian people will unite in organizing a Sunday school, prayer meeting, etc. The intention is to unite in a general crusade against the devil.

Although the majority in this organization live several miles from the city, the intention in this uniting with the Dayton brethren is to aid in every possible way, and yet be working in the cause in their own neighborhood.

EDWARD MASON.

Christ Jesus in Johnstown.

One of our members in Johnstown came from the shores of old England; when near his future home, he looked out the car window, and caught sight of the church spires, then he felt satisfied that he could live in Johnstown, "for Christ was there." A church spire is not always an evidence that Christ is near, nor the absence of a spie an evidence that he is afar; but our brother was right, Christ was in town, and he found him, Christ is in Johnstown, and so is the devil.

Daniel Defoe, two hundred years ago, said,

'Where God erects a house of prayer,
The devil builds a chapel there;
Upon close observation it will be seen,
The latter has the larger congregation.'

The activity and spirituality of the brethren, prove that Christ is there, but they have the manifestations of the devil in various channels to contend with. One of his congregations is just across the street from the church and is known to the world as a skating rink.

While we would be singing or praying, during the first part of the services, the rink band would be playing less than fifty steps away, playing tunes that did not correspond with old hundred. As the nights became cool and the windows had to be closed, the noise was not quite so bad.

Notwithstanding obstacles, and attractions our congregations were good, but composed mostly of church members, who were indeed faithful. Congregations increased, and when we closed the house was nearly full.

It is the same old story: The meeting closed too soon; just as the interest was becoming intense and the people convinced, goodby was said. Another week, and I am sure the wave of truth would have landed a number on the river bank.

A writer who spells bad, but says some good things under his bad spelling says: If a man gets bit twice in the same place by the same dog, he is a fool. After mature reflection I have come to the conclusion to hold no meeting unless it can be held long enough to accom plish the object in view, as any special revival meeting short of ten days or two weeks, is not just to the preacher, church, or sinners.

Bro. Replogle was with us and his company enjoyed.

Bro. R. has a good field of labor, and the outlook for the Brethren is good. They have a good school in the church, in the morning and one in the afternoon in the 7th ward. All they want is "Grit, Grace, and Greenbacks," as Sam Jones says, they manifest about as much of all three as any place I have been in lately.

My headquarters was with Crofford and family, also enjoyed eating salt with others. Spent a night with Bro. Findley, near Rosedale, whose son, Joseph, I met in Ashland last winter. I had the pleasure of meeting brethren Adams, Ramsey, Gochnour, Hildebrand and Benshoff. Perhaps I will meet all the preachers afterwhile, it not here, in that holy, happy home on high.

Our communion was on Sunday night, perhaps one hundred and fifty communed. The services lasted a little less than an hour and a half, and everything was done decently and in order.

In the afternoon Bro. Crofford baptized a candidate, others are not far from the kingdom. I wonder how long they will stand shivering on the brink, fearing to launch away.

My visit to Johnstown will not be forgotten; more new names are already added to my list of friends. May the good seed sown be developed soon, and our church pass on from success to success.

with prayers for all, I am truly,
Yours in Christ.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

From W. Va.

The Brethren Sunday school Convention of West Virginia, held at Terra Alta, is now one of the events of the past. By such as were present, it has been pronounced a success. Our brethren and sisters, scattered over W. Va., did not put in as good an appearance as was expected, numerically. Sorry to have to state that their neglect shows that they do not yet fully appreciate the necessity of Sunday school work.

Eld. P. J. Brown, of Congress, Ohio, was with us, and did his part nobly, fully meeting the expectation of the people here. Bro. Wm. N. Trent, from Somerset, Pa., also put in an appearance, to help us on in our work. The S. S. Convention was followed by a love-feast in the Brethren church near Terra Alta, which proved to be the largest gathering of members since the first troubles began here.

The general outlook for the Brethren cause in W. Va. is good. We, however, need a little more zeal and liberality to make it a success.

Next month we expect to begin our evangelistic work.

S. W. WILT.

Home Again.

The meetings at Meyersdale were tolerably well attended, and the communion was an enjoyable occasion. On the evening of October 6th, in company with Bro. Wm. Trent, of Somerset, we landed at Terra Alta, Va., and were met by brother Wilt, and cared for at his hospitable home. There it was our pleasure to attend the first Brethren S. S. Convention held in the State. It was not well attended by our brethren from a distance, but those in the vicinity did well, and the Methodist and Presbyterian brethren gave us substantial aid; and taking all in all, we had a very pleasant time.

On Saturday night, we attended the Brethren communion held at the Freeland meeting house, two miles north of Terra Alta, where we attended a similar meeting, twelve years ago.

The membership at this place is much larger than we anticipated. About fifty-five communed and owing to the distance some lived away, there was a large per cent. not present; but it was a good meeting, and it was good to be there.

Bro. Wilt, Glenn, A. M. Ridenour, J. M. Ereeland are the ministers here and there are more than necessary. Some should branch out where they are more pressingly needed. Bro. Ridenour intimated that he would do so if a good chance presented itself, and it is our candid opinion that it would be an advantage, both to him and the cause.

After visiting relatives a few days, we arriv d at home in safety on the 16th of October, being absent about five weeks and two days. All well.

P. J. BROWN.

Congress, Ohio.

The ingredients of conventions are truth, good sense and good wit.

Three things to admire—intellect, dignity and gracefulness.

Many live miserably and meanly just to die magnificently and rich.

Health is impossible when the blood is impure, thick, and sluggish, or when it is thin and impoverished. Such conditions give rise to boils, pimples, headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism, and other disorders. Ayer's Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure rich and vitalizing.

Religious World.

The German Reformed churches in Europe are advancing in the use of liturgies as well as of altar decorations, crucifixes and pictures being here and there introduced.

The number of students in the Congregational Theological Seminary at Chicago has risen from sixty-two last year to ninety, with more to come. Some eighteen Scandinavians have been admitted to the special course designed for them, with five in the German Department.

The Rev. P. M. Rubra, of North India, says, as the result of a tour in South India: "From what I have both seen and heard, the prospects of Christianity in South India are so encouraging as to lead me to hope that in no very distant time the whole county will be brought to the feet of Christ."

It is stated that a large colony of Hollanders are soon to arrive in this country and settle an extensive tract of land in Woodville, Newaygo county, Mich., which two Holland clergymen are about to buy for them of the West Michigan Lumber Company. The descendants of the Hollanders and Huguenots who came here three centuries ago are among the choicest of our citizens to day.

There is a debt of $6,770 on the Reformed church property at Port Jervis, N. Y., which is estimated to have cost $65,000. In order to pay the debt easily, Rev. Dr. S. W. Mills originated a novel method for doing it. The plan was to issue shares of 10 cents per week, covering a period of three years, each member of the church or attendant to take as many shares as he or she deemed advisable. Four hundred shares have been taken, and the entire debt is now provided for. The church will receive from 400 shares just $40 per week, or $2,080 per year, each share amounting to $5,20 per week.

The last General Conference of the United Brethren, a Methodistic denomination, appointed a commission of twenty-seven persons "to consider our present confession of faith and the constitution, and prepare such form of belief and such amended fundamental rules for the government of this Church in the future as will, in their judgment, be best adapted to serve its growth and efficiency in the work of evangelizing the world." The work of this commission, when completed, is to be submitted to the whole Church for adoption or rejection. Two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary, in order to adopt the report of the Commission. The first meeting of the Commission will be held November 18th, 1885, at Dayton, O. The Commission is required to complete its work by January 1st, 1886.

Mean souls, like poor picture, are often found in good looking frames.